

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

**ORDER AMENDING RULE 3(a)
SUPERIOR COURT RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

This 12th day of March, 2013, IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) Superior Court Civil Rule 3(a) is amended by deleting paragraph (a) and by substituting in lieu thereof the following new paragraph (a):

(a) Complaint and praecipe. -- Except amicable actions, an action is commenced by filing with the Prothonotary a complaint or, if required by statute, a petition or statement of claim, all hereafter to be referred to as a "complaint" and a praecipe directing the Prothonotary to issue the writ specified therein. Sufficient copies of the complaint shall be filed so that one copy can be served on each defendant as hereafter provided. An amicable action is commenced by filing an agreement specifying the matters agreed upon. Every newly filed complaint shall be accompanied by a Case Information Statement (CIS). The CIS form is used solely for administrative purposes and the information thereon has no legal effect on the action. If any party objects to the Related Cases listed by another party in the CIS, the objecting party shall separately file a written objection with the Prothonotary no later than ten days after the last responsive pleading is filed. Any non-objecting party may respond in writing within five days to any such objection. The Prothonotary shall forward any objection to the Related Cases, along with any response thereto, to the Civil Administrative Judge. The Civil Administrative Judge may, with prior approval of the President Judge, reassign the case to a different judge.

(2) These amendments shall take effect for all civil actions filed after May 1, 2013.